

## RAILROAD INTERESTS.

CHAUNCEY M. DEPEW EXPLAINS.

BY NO MEANS DEFYING THE SECRETARY OF WAR

ABOUT THE HARLEM BRIDGE.

The statement was published yesterday that the New-York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company was apparently defying the Secretary of War by failure to construct a higher bridge over the Harlem River at Fourteenth, L. I. A special train left the Long Island City station shortly after 9:30 a. m., and took about forty members of the club and their guests to the grounds and brought them back so soon as the shooting was over. Shooting was begun shortly before 11 o'clock and the weather was perfect for the sport. The sun was hidden under a thin drapery of clouds and there was little wind. James Mortimer, who is in charge of the club grounds, had procured as level and good a set of birds as ever flew from a trap, and the hills were in many cases wonderfully clever.

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The last competition of the day was the Happy New Year cup, miss and out, and was won by H. W. Livingston. The entrance was \$10, and as that was the highest price of the day, it was the rightest price of the match.

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**HUNDREDS OF BOWLING CLUBS.**—**LIVELY COMPETITION FOR HONORS IN THIS CITY, BROOKLYN AND JERSEY CITY.**

Among the athletes of New-York and Brooklyn, bowling largely takes the place of many of the summer sports, the season for which ends with the coming of winter, and thus large numbers of devotees of other pastimes turn to it for their recreation during the winter. Many hundreds of bowling clubs are actively taking part in the game from early fall to late spring, and there is little doubt that its native adherents in this region number many more than those of any other sport—possibly excepting baseball. Many leagues of clubs are also formed and their tournaments attract much attention throughout the season. In the American Amateur Bowling Union, which is probably the most important of these, there are five sections. Each of these divisions has teams of five men from between six and eleven different clubs, and each has its series of matches. The winning teams in these matches will contest in the final tournament later in the winter for the chief prizes.

In section one, which is for clubs below Fifty-ninth, in New York, the New-York Athletic Club and Manhattan Athletic Club teams are having a lively race for first honors. The former leads, having won four games, and is without a defeat, while the Manhattan team has been defeated once and has also won four victories. The teams closely follow the Manhattan, having only lost two games, but the other five teams seem to be out of the race. The second section, four clubs above Fifty-ninth, has eleven teams competing. Of these the Phoenix, Grip and New-York B. C. teams lead, the first with nine victories and one loss, and the last named with the same number of victories and defeats. In section three, for clubs of Brooklyn, the Waverly Bowling Club team leads, having only been defeated once and having won six games. The Monarchs are second with five victories and two defeats. In sections four and five clubs from New-Jersey compete. In the former the Palma Club leads without a defeat, while in the latter, the Jersey City A. C. team are also undefeated.

**THE ST. JOSEPH AND GRAND ISLAND.**—St. Joseph, Mo., Jan. 1.—Authentic information is given out here that the Union Pacific will relinquish the management of the St. Joseph and Grand Island Railroad in the coming month, and that W. P. Robinson has been informed that he would be appointed general manager. Mr. Robinson was general manager of the road at the time it fell into the hands of the Union Pacific. Mr. Robinson has gone to New-York to consult with President Benedict.

**CHANGES ON THE NEW-YORK CENTRAL.**—Yesterday the appointment of Chief Train Dispatcher Leander Wadsworth of the New-York Central Railroad to assistant superintendent of the Rome, Watertown and Oneida division took effect. W. H. Spivey, his assistant, has been promoted to the post vacated by Mr. Wadsworth. C. A. Beach, superintendent of the middle division of the Central, has been transferred to a like place on the Western division. Mr. Beach's place is taken by J. R. Leonard, superintendent in charge of passenger service, with headquarters at Albany, and Mr. Leonard's successor is Penobscot Smith.

**THE INFLUENZA LOSING ITS GRIP.**—There are few cases of influenza in any of the hospitals of this city. In Bellevue Hospital there are only a few patients now, and they, as well as those in the other hospitals, are suffering, not from the grip alone, but from complications. In the New-York Hospital only ten out of 156 patients are suffering from the disease. In the Presbyterian Hospital there are only seven cases, some serious on account of pneumonia. In St. Vincent's Hospital there have been and are hardly any cases.

Only 107 deaths were reported at the Bureau of Vital Statistics yesterday, sixteen fewer than on Thursday. Among them were eleven which were said to have been caused by the grip in combination with other diseases. Dr. R. S. Tracy, Registrar of Vital Statistics, thought the record of deaths showed that a turning point in the epidemic had been reached. He said: "We expect at this season of the year a mortality equivalent to about 800 deaths a week in the city. The epidemic of the grip has been slight, because it has increased the average mortality only about 12 per cent. From reports that sickness from the grip is decreasing, I believe that we have seen the worst of the epidemic."

**TWO SING-SING CONVICTS PAROSED.**—George Welder, who in 1885 was sentenced to twenty years' imprisonment by Judge Moore, in the Brooklyn Court of Sessions, for manslaughter in the second degree, and William Conroy, sentenced to life imprisonment in the same year for murder in the second degree, by Judge Van Brunt, of this city, have been paroled by Governor Hill and were released from Sing-Sing Prison yesterday. Welder is thirty-nine years old and worked in the office of the principal keeper. Conroy is twenty-five years old and worked in the joking shop.

**ARCHBISHOP KENLICK'S ILLNESS.**—St. Louis, Jan. 1.—The continued illness of Archbishop Kenllick is creating much uneasiness among the clergy and laity of his diocese. The anxiety is doubled by the fact that he still persists in his refusal to consider the appointment of a coadjutor. The priests have taken the matter up and will, it is said, attempt to secure a decree of the last Council at Baltimore, giving the irremonable priests the right to vote for the election of a bishop or coadjutor. Father Phelan, in "The Western Watchman," enters a vigorous protest against the delay, and virtually confirms the statements that the priests of the diocese will insist on their right to a voice in the appointment of an ecclesiastical superior. This is strengthened by the conclusion of his article, which is a protest against the old method of appointment by the bishops, and an intimation that the clergy will brook no abridgment of their rights.

**A DEADLY GRAPPLE WITH A BURGLAR.**—Indianapolis, Jan. 1.—A dispatch to "The News" from George Welder, who in 1885 was sentenced to twenty years' imprisonment by Judge Moore, in the Brooklyn Court of Sessions, for manslaughter in the second degree, and William Conroy, sentenced to life imprisonment in the same year for murder in the second degree, by Judge Van Brunt, of this city, have been paroled by Governor Hill and were released from Sing-Sing Prison yesterday. Welder is thirty-nine years old and worked in the office of the principal keeper. Conroy is twenty-five years old and worked in the joking shop.

**PLANNING FOR A NEW BASEBALL LEAGUE.**—Seymour, Ind., says: "About 3:30 o'clock this morning, a burglar entered the sleeping room of W. P. March, a prominent resident, and taking his watch and pocket-book, attempted to escape by the back kitchen. March, who was awakened by the noise, followed the intruder closely, catching him about fifteen feet from the house. A fierce struggle ensued, the man becoming entangled in a wire fence and falling to the ground. March, who was a large and powerful man, was about to overcome the burglar, when the latter shot him through the left shoulder. Mr. Bennett is backed to the point where he must take stock, but Mr. Bennett and his brother insist on retaining a controlling interest. "Sam" Morton, who was to have manned the Chicago American Association team, is here, and negotiations are being made to make him manager of the new club. Mr. Bennett will attend the Chicago meeting January 7, and will urge that the monthly salary limit shall not exceed \$1,000 or \$2,000. He will also favor a single season of five months, instead of two seasons of two and one-half years, as he escaped to the woods."

**CLEVER PIGEON-SHOOTING.**—**GOOD CONTESTS ON LONG ISLAND.**

**NEW-YEAR'S MATCHES OF THE WESTMINSTER KENNEL CLUB.**

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